



UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Collins:

I am providing a response to your letter to Lieutenant General Donna W. Martin, U. S. Army Inspector General (IG), dated December 8, 2023, concerning Sergeant First Class (SFC) Robert Card (U.S. Army Reserve) and the horrific mass shooting that occurred in Lewiston, Maine on October 25, 2023. Your letter requests that the Army IG immediately conduct an investigation into the events preceding the Lewiston shooting.

The Army is committed to diligently investigating all facts and events related to the Army involving SFC Card in the months and days before he committed these heinous acts. The Secretary of the Army has requested the Army Inspector General to conduct an independent investigation to ensure that the Army takes corrective actions where appropriate. In response, the Army IG has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. The IG investigation will formally commence either upon cessation of the ongoing U.S. Army Reserve investigation or by February 1st, 2024, whichever comes first.

As you are aware, U.S. Army Reserve Commander LTG Jody Daniels has initiated an ongoing investigation covering the full scope of SFC Card's background, the events of October 25th, and his unit's compliance with relevant regulations. Both investigations will result in findings and recommendations that should allow Army leadership to change policies and hold individuals accountable as appropriate.

I thank you for your interest in this matter and appreciate your thoughtful recommendation. The Army will keep you informed of our progress and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabe Camarillo", is written over a horizontal line.

Gabe Camarillo